

## To Protect the Health of Our Livestock

- A. Interstate Livestock Entry Permit.** Prior to entering CA, all goats require a permit from the Animal Health Branch, valid for 15 days. The owner's name, physical address and telephone number are required. Call 916-651-6278 for permits.

**Exceptions:**

- Goats less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels\* that are not pregnant and have not kidded or aborted
- Low risk commercial goats.\*\*



- B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).** A CVI is required for all sexually intact breeding goats. The owner must state on the certificate: ***"The animals are not scrapie-positive, scrapie-suspect, or from a non-compliant flock."***

**Exceptions:**

- Goats in slaughter channels\*
- Goats moving for grazing without change of ownership
- Low risk commercial goats \*\*



- C. Official Identification.** All goats require one of the following:

1. An identification ear tag approved by the USDA and CDFA as sufficiently tamper-resistant for the intended use and providing unique identification for each animal.
2. Registration tattoo or electronic identification when accompanied by registration papers that include the tattoo or electronic ID number as appropriate. If using the electronic ID, the owner must have a functioning reader.
3. Non-registered goats may use USDA issued premises ID tattoos beginning with the two digit state code, for example CA.

4. Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program Identification (SFCP) ear tags, tattoos or electronic ID (Owner must carry a functioning reader).
5. Official USDA ear tags.

**Exceptions:**

- Goats less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels\* that are not pregnant and have not kidded or aborted
- Low risk commercial goats \*\*
- Castrated goats less than 18 months of age that are not for exhibition
- Goats moving for grazing without change of ownership.

**NOTE:** Official ear tags can be obtained through USDA at 916-854-3900 or **toll free 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).**

**ALL goats EXHIBITED in California require official ID.**

**All goats changing ownership in California require official ID, except:**

- Animals less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels\* that are not pregnant and have not kidded or aborted.
- Castrated animals less than 18 months of age that are not for exhibition.

**\*Slaughter channels:** goats moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.

**\*\*Low risk commercial goat:** has NEVER commingled with sheep, is not scrapie-positive, suspect or been exposed to scrapie and comes from a state not considered high risk for goats. Registered goats and goats for exhibition are NOT low risk goats.

CDFA Animal Health Branch	
Sacramento (HQ)	916-654-1447
Permit Line	916-651-6278
USDA/APHIS/VS 916-854-3900 or 877-741-3690	
Livestock Movement Website: <a href="http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/permits.htm">http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/permits.htm</a>	

**Eradicate Scrapie: National Scrapie Education Initiative** [www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/scrapie](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/scrapie)  
**USDA Veterinary Services Scrapie Program** <http://animalagriculture.org/scrapie/Scrapiehtm>  
**CDFA Scrapie Regulations** [www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/scrapie\\_info.htm#AlertLoop](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/scrapie_info.htm#AlertLoop)